Holy Trinity Parish
St. Matthew Church, Plymouth, NH
Our Lady of Grace, Bristol, NH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOYFUL

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 11
4:00 PM **St. Matthew Church**
†Richard Khoury & Julie Khoury
by the family

Sunday, December 12
8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
For our homebound parishioners
9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
For all expectant mothers
Rosary before 9:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Barbara Christie by the Renkert family

Monday, December 13
8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
MASS
Adoration 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Tuesday, December 14
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 15
NO MASS

Thursday, December 16
8:00 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
MASS
Adoration at Our Lady of Grace Chapel 8:30 - Noon

Friday, December 17
8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Jean Henry by the Mazur family

Saturday, December 18
4:00 PM **St. Matthew Church**
†Dorothy Lengel by the family

Sunday, December 19
8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
For peace in our families
9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
For all who are ill with COVID
Rosary before 9:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†James Halley by the Renkert family

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 11
AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 - Noon

Sunday, December 12
Ad Altare Dei, CLC Conference Room, 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM
RCIA, Pope Francis Hall, after 11:00 AM Mass

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AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Tuesday December 14
AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, December 15
AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Thursday, December 16
Men's Cursillo Group, Marian center, 10:00 AM
AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon
Men Spirituality Group, Marian Hall, 7:00 PM
Cub Scout Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 6:00 PM

Friday, December 17
AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Saturday, December 18
Women at the Well, Marian Hall, 8:00 AM
AA Meeting, Pope Francis Hall, 11:00 - Noon

Sunday, December 19
Children's Christmas Party, Simard Hall, after 9:30 Mass
Christmas Play, St. Matthew Church, after 11:00 AM Mass
RCIA, CLC Conference Room , after 11:00 AM Mass
Outdoor Christmas Caroling, Marian Center, 6:00 PM

If there is inclement weather on the morning of daily Mass, or another program, please check WMUR or our Facebook page, Holy Trinity News and Info, for cancellations.

PARISH SUPPORT

General Offertory:	$4618.50
Flowers:	$286.00
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Retired Religious	$63.00
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Thank you for your continued generosity!

Where Do I put My Contribution in Church?

There are two wooden boxes at the back of church for your contributions, along with baskets for second collections. Thank you for your generosity.

Dear Parishioners,
I look forward to celebrating Mass with you and your families, but things will be a bit different this year. I have made a decision to change the location of our 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.
The early Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 PM will be celebrated at **OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL.** The 6:00 PM Mass will be at Our Lady of Grace as well, where the capacity is far greater. We are aware of the increased number of cases of Covid and its variants in NH. We invite you to celebrate Christmas here with your parish family but want you to be safe in doing so.
The other two Masses, 9:00 PM on Christmas Eve and 9:00 A on Christmas Day will be at St. Matthew Church. This schedule should allow everyone to honor the Lord on his birthday, at a time of your choosing. We are committed to do our best for the sake of the entire community in these challenging times. We appreciate your understanding.
Blessed Advent,
Fr Leo

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be a Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 13th at 6:00 PM at St. Matthew Church. Advent is a wonderful time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare your heart for Christmas.

Women at the Well

The next gathering is Saturday, December 18th at the Marian Center in Bristol.
At this meeting, we will be walking with Judith so you are welcome to read the book of Judith beforehand to familiarize yourself.
You are welcome to come at 8:00 AM to socialize, and then the meeting runs from 8:30 to 9:30 am. This is an in - person meeting, but you may also attend virtually. If you need a Zoom link please email giftholytrinity@gmail.com by 8:00 pm the night before and you will receive a Zoom invite by 8:00 am the day of the group.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
4:00 PM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE
(NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION)
6:00 PM AT OUR LADY OF GRACE
9:00 PM AT ST. MATTHEW

CHRISTMAS DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
9:00 AM AT ST. MATTHEW
There is no 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST
10:00 AM AT ST. MATTHEW
There is no 4:00 PM Mass on New Year's Day

Campus Ministry

GOOD LUCK on final papers, performances, projects, and exams! We'll be keeping you in our prayers. And have a merry Christmas with your families and a safe and happy New Year! Very best wishes if you are graduating, finishing up your final semester on campus before student teaching or interning next semester, or otherwise leaving PSU.
Prayer to St. Joseph of Cupertino: O St. Joseph of Cupertino, who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favor in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Through Christ our Lord. St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us. Amen.

AD ALTARE DEI IS MEETING THIS SUNDAY, 12/12

Ad Altare Dei: Parishioners Davis Ulricson and Joe Ebner are leading a class for interested youth (geared for youth ages 13 - 16, grades 8 - 10) through a series of discussions on the sacraments. We will explore the question; how do these sacraments relate to my daily life as a Catholic? What do these sacraments mean? Why does the Church offer these sacraments? We will be following a course designed by the Boy Scouts of America, but you do not need to be involved in scouting to attend. Contact Joe Ebner at 536-4964 for more information. This program will run the second and third Sundays of the month in the Pope Francis Hall Conference Room from 9:15 to 10:45 AM.
For more information, email giftholytrinity@gmail.com.

ADVENT TRADITIONS

The four weeks of Advent are popularly considered to symbolize the four thousand years of darkness before the coming of Christ. We set up Nativity scenes, light Advent candles, & decorate wreaths in our homes to signify Christ's presence coming in the darkness of sin & suffering. Four candles adorn an Advent wreath, one for each week. A fifth candle is sometimes placed in the center for the beginning of the Christmas season. Advent colors are worn by the priests and deacons and decorate the church. They are represented in the candles that surround the Advent wreath:
Violet: royalty, repentance, & fasting (First, Second, and Fourth Week of Advent)
Rose: abundant joy (Third Week of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, joy in Latin.
White: light & purity (Christ Candle, center candle completes the season and begins Christmas)

Bristol Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus Bristol Council would like to invite all of the children of the parish to a Christmas party on Sunday, December 19th after the 9:30 AM Mass in Simard Hall (below the church)There will be refreshments, games, music and surprises! Hope to see you there!

GIFTS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

We are collecting gifts at Our Lady of Grace for all of our homebound parishioners. There are tags at the halfway point in the church for items needed. Please wrap the items and put the tags on the front of the packages and place them in the bins in the back of church by Sunday, December 19th.

St. Matthew Giving Tree
DEADLINE THIS SUNDAY, 12/12

Please return your gifts wrapped with the tag on the outside in the Christian Life Center by Sunday, December 12th. Call Clay at (603) 786-2977.

Outdoor Christmas Caroling At The Marian Center

There will be outdoor Christmas caroling in the parking lot in front of the Marian Center on Sunday, December 19th at 6:00 PM. There will be hot cider, hot chocolate, a fire for S'mores and Christmas caroling led by our music director. Bring a chair and a flashlight, (dress accordingly!) and Chris will have the lyrics you need to sing ALL of your favorite Christmas songs. If you need more information, call Chris Chiasson at (603) 724-1825.

Readings for Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading:
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

Psalm:
Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:
"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

Gospel:
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:42-43)

A Quick Way to Make A Contribution to Holy Trinity Parish

Scan the QR code to your left, or on the collection boxes as you leave the church. Thanks!

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY AT ST. MATTHEW CHURCH

We invite the children of the parish (of all ages) to join us in putting together the Children's Nativity Play. The play will be performed after the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Matthew Church next Sunday, December 19th, and we invite the congregation to remain to watch. There will be refreshments afterward in Pope Francis Hall. Sign up sheets will be available at the back of the churches, but it is not required to sign up ahead of time.

We would love to have a few of our high school aged students help with organizing (can be used for service hours too!) We hope to see you all there.

If you'd like more information, please contact Sarah & Patrick Cate at 603-536-4034.

Question of the Week

Gospel:
Luke is the only Evangelist to record the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth and only a portion of their conversation was preserved. What else do you imagine they talked about?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES
THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

- We are called to live the promise of our Baptism each day and be signs of Jesus' presence in the world. Ask each family member to tell how he or she can be a sign of Jesus to others. Together, decide on a family project for this week, such as preparing a meal for a family that has experienced hardship or is new in the community.
- For your family prayer one day this week, place a bowl of water in a central location in your home. Have family members come to the water and bless themselves in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As they do this, remind them of their Baptismal promise to be examples of God's love in the world. Conclude with the Lord's Prayer.
- This is the Third Sunday of Advent, a day to rejoice. Do a fun activity with the family, such as sledding, making cookies, or driving together to see the holiday lights.
- Light three candles (two purple and one pink) on the Advent wreath. Have each family member offer a prayer of thanks for someone who has shown the presence of Christ by his or her love, patience, or forgiveness. Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer together.

PLYMOUTH

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17 West Shore Rd, Bristol, NH 03222
Website: holytrinityparishnh.org
FB: Holy Trinity News and Info

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mondays at St. Matthew Church
8:30 - 9:30 AM
Thursdays at Our Lady of Grace
8:30 - NOON

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 PM at the CLC
Or by appointment.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
4:00 PM at St. Matthew Church
Sunday
8:00 AM at St. Matthew Church
9:30 AM at Our Lady of Grace
11:00 AM at St. Matthew Church

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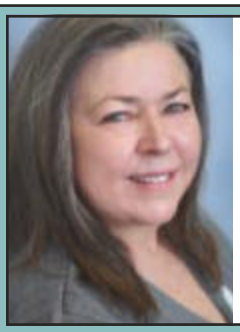
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